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March 30, 2023

The Honorable Kay Granger
Chairwoman
Committee on Appropriations
H-305, The Capitol
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations
1036 Longworth HOB
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Dear Chairwoman Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro,

I am requesting funding for Southern Chester County Regional Police Department's Body Worn Camera and Taser Project in fiscal year 2024. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Southern Chester County Regional Police Department, located at 8934 Gap Newport Pike, Landenberg, PA 19350. The funding would be used for updated equipment to include new body-worn cameras (BWCs) and Taser 7 Conducted Energy Weapon (CEW). The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because less-lethal tools, like Taser CEWs, can be used to preserve human life. Body worn cameras provide an actual account of a police officer's interactions with the public and suspects and offer a wide range of benefits. These include, but are not limited to, protection against frivolous lawsuits, transparency and accountability in police activity, and opportunities to view footage for training purposes.

The project has a federal nexus consistent with the Office of Justice Programs' mission and aligned with one or more of the purposes described in the Byrne Justice Assistance Grants (JAG) program, section 501 of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 (34 U.S.C. § 10152).

I certify that I have no financial interest in this project, and neither does anyone in my immediate family.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Chrissy Houlahan".

Chrissy Houlahan
U.S. Representative, PA-06